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Applicants: T. SAITO et al.
Serial No.: 09/850,162
Filed: May 8, 2001
For: A SEMICONDUCTOR INTEGRATED CIRCUIT DEVICE AND A
METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE SAME
Group: 2812
Examiner: R. E. Pompey

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner For Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

September 3, 2002

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 1, 2002, the period of response for which extension is requested by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please **amend** claims 1-5, 12, 15, 16, 17 and 39-42, as follows:

1. (Amended) A method for manufacturing a semiconductor integrated circuit device, comprising the steps of:

(a) forming a groove for wiring in a first insulating film formed on a semiconductor substrate;

(b) successively forming a barrier layer and a conductive film over said first insulating film including the inside of said groove for wiring and removing said